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(b) if so, whether the scheme will focus on the survival and overall development of girls, besides balancing the skewed sex ratio in many parts of the country;

(c) whether State Governments will implement the scheme and share the cost with the Central Government; and

(d) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) The Scheme of Conditional Cash Transfer with Insurance Cover includes cash transfers to the family of the girl child based on the fulfillment of four important conditionalities *viz.* birth and registration of the girl child, immunization, retention in school and delaying marriage beyond 18 years of age, has been included in Annual Plan 2007-08, as a Central Sector Scheme.

Physical abuse of children

3489. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the study conducted jointly by UNICEF Save the Children and Prayas titled "Child Abuse: India 2007" wherein it is stated that two of every three children are facing some form of physical abuse in the country;

(b) if so, the gist of the findings of the said study and the recommendations made; and

(c) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development has recently conducted a National level Study on Child Abuse, the Report of which was released on 9th April, 2007. The study was supported by UNICEF and Save the Children. The data, collection was done by Prayas, an NGO.

(b) Major findings and recommendations of the study are given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question 3485 (a)]

The recommendations of the Study have been made for the following:

- (1) Policy and Legislation:
- (2) Protocols
- (3) Scheme on Child Protection
- (4) Outreach and Support Services
- (5) Tracking Missing Children
- (6) Shared Responsibility
- (7) Capacity Building
- (8) Gender Equity
- (9) Advocacy and Awareness

Details are available on the website of the Ministry at www.wcd.nic.in

(c) The Ministry after going through the findings of the report will draw up a Plan to reduce child abuse and maltreatment in the country after consultations with all concerned Government and non government agencies.

Anganwadi scheme in States

†3490. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States where anganwadi scheme is being implemented at present and the number of anganwadi, State-wise;

. (b) whether the food materials given to the Children under anganwadi scheme is being get supplied through middlemen and contractors;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.